



*Responsible
Awareness of
America's
Ground Water*



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The American Ground Water Trust

Responsible Awareness of Our National Asset

America depends upon plentiful and safe supplies of ground water. More than 13 million private wells and 100,000 public supply sources pump ground water to 123 million Americans. Ground water is the source of life for vast acres of irrigated farmland. Each day, agriculture draws billions of gallons of ground water from the earth, making America the world's larder. And yet, as our nation's need for ground water grows, we discover how little we understand the resource. This lack of knowledge leads to unintentional contamination of the resource in specific locations, occasional excessive regulation of the resource, and a growing attitude that all ground water is unsafe.

Addressing Today's Demands and Tomorrow's Challenges

The American Ground Water Trust has served important educational roles since 1975. Today, the Trust's expanded broad-based, national program provides Americans with accurate ground water information and education.

The Trust's mandate is to conduct activities designed:

- To maintain the National Ground Water Information Center so it may continue to provide state-of-the-art information on scientific and technical developments and regulatory requirements;
- To promote public awareness on state and national levels by objective discussion of issues relating to ground water use and contamination; and
- To provide for undergraduate and graduate education in the ground water professions.

The Trust's primary goal with its agenda is to make comprehensive ground water information available to industry, government, education, and to the American public.





The American Ground Water Trust: A Positive Response

Considering the importance of a healthful, dependable source of water, it is surprising how little the public knows about water and the processes by which it arrives at our homes. There is also much misunderstanding of the low levels of contamination found in ground water, of the means by which we remove and prevent contamination; of the economics of ground water; and of other specific issues relating to the importance of ground water to the American public and American industry.

Rapidly advancing hydrogeologic knowledge and technology give us the means to eliminate, contain and remediate ground water contamination and to prevent future incidents. Ground water professionals must be kept current of the latest findings for daily in-the-field application. Access to information is critical to the capabilities of these scientists, engineers, contractors and regulators.

Access to federal, state and local regulations regarding supply source construction and water usage is critical to the ability of professionals to operate within the boundaries established by law, and to bring to the public the benefits those laws mandate.

It is equally important highly motivated, well- educated, scientifically-oriented individuals continue to seek careers within the ground water professions.





Program Areas of Significant Investment

The leadership of the Trust seeks investments to endow continuing programs and begin new programs through the creation of a \$5 million endowment. The endowment will generate annual income of \$500,000. The Trust assures contributors their commitment promotes only the highest quality programs and projects.

The National Ground Water Information Center

The Center is a 20,000-volume library containing state-of-the-art information on ground water technology, research findings, and field experiences. It also holds the most up-to-date information on each state's ground water laws, statutes, regulations and rules. The Center makes this knowledge available through the use of electronic on-line data bases. Such a systematized method for storage and dissemination of information enables all to remain current of recent developments related to ground water topics.

Public Education Forums

The American Ground Water Trust sponsors or co-sponsors public education forums on localized ground water issues. Events at Sacramento and Fresno, California; West Warwick, Rhode Island; and Rochester, Minnesota are examples of recent successful educational forums.

Scholarship Programs

The American Ground Water Trust Scholarship Program helps bring outstanding individuals to the ground water professions. The undergraduate scholarship program, endowed in part by AMTROL Inc., has provided more than 30 scholarships valued at more than \$55,000 since the program's 1975 beginning. Support is being sought for expansion of the undergraduate program and the start of a graduate fellowship program.





istinguished Opportunities for Leadership Investment

There are many ways individuals, companies and foundations can be part of the effort to enhance education, training and research in ground water science and technology.

Investment commitments pledged to The American Ground Water Trust may be extended over a maximum of five years. Public recognition, in accordance with the donor's wishes and the level of commitment, has been established as follows:

Charter Founder-----	\$150,000 or more
Founder -----	\$100,000 to \$149,000
Guardian -----	\$75,000 to \$99,000
Defender -----	\$50,000 to \$74,000
Protector -----	\$25,000 to \$49,000
Preserver -----	\$10,000 to \$24,000
Associate-----	\$1,000 to \$9,000
Friend -----	\$100 to \$999
Sponsor-----	Other Support

The commitments and recognition categories described above designate current gifts to the endowment corpus. In addition, the Trust permanently recognizes as Charter Founders donors of formally executed planned-gifts with a minimum value of \$300,000.

Supporters of The American Ground Water Trust will receive periodic updates describing the use of Trust income, will have an opportunity to suggest additional programs and projects for the Trust agenda, and will be acknowledged at appropriate public events and programs.





upporting Growth and Development for the Future

By investing in the Trust through its national resource development campaign, individuals, corporations and foundations throughout America will secure the safety and increase the understanding of the nation's ground water resources.

The national leadership of The American Ground Water Trust has made a commitment to ensure the achievement of the Trust's goals. They invite you to join them.

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We invite your inquiry.

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